

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

Application of Utilities Services of South  
Carolina, Inc. for adjustment of rates and  
charges for the provision of water and  
sewer service and modification of rate  
schedules

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

DOCKET  
NUMBER: 2005 - 217 - WS

(Please type or print)

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☐ Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda expeditiously

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INDUSTRY (Check one)	NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Electric/Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Memorandum	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Certification
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric/Telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/> Answer	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Investigation
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<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Matter	<input type="checkbox"/> Interconnection Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Protest	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Late-Filed Exhibit	<input type="checkbox"/> Report	

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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**  
**AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Interim Chief Clerk/Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service and modification of rate schedules; Docket No. 2005-217-WS

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

On December 3, 2010, and February 1, 2010, Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC") received the attached bulk water bills from Sandy Springs Water District ("District") setting forth charges associated with USSC's Calhoun Acres water system. These bills contain a notice of a 5% increase in the bulk rates described in Hearing Exhibit No. 9 in Docket No. 2007-286-WS and will affect customers in the Calhoun Acres Subdivisions in Anderson County as a result of the pass-through provisions contained in USSC's rate schedule approved in Order No. 2006-22 in the above-referenced docket.<sup>1</sup>

USSC received no notice from the District of this increase prior to receipt of these bills.<sup>2</sup> Further, USSC is informed and believes that, notwithstanding the request made of the District by the Office of Regulatory Staff for advance notice (i.e., greater than one billing cycle) that is described in the November 14, 2006, letter from Wendy B. Cartledge, Esquire, to the

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<sup>1</sup>The same provision is contained in the rate schedule proposed by USSC in Docket No. 2007-286-WS, which has been placed into effect under bond pursuant to Commission Order No. 2008-269.

<sup>2</sup> Because these bills were sent to the headquarters of Utilities, Inc. in Northbrook, Illinois, it was not discovered by company personnel in South Carolina until after the fact. USSC will redouble its efforts to ascertain the fact of bulk rate increases which are not separately noticed to the company. However, I would point out for the Commission's consideration that even had the increase been discovered sooner, USSC still would not have been able to give the notice required by the rate schedule approved in Order No. 2006-22.

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Commission in the above-referenced docket, no notice of this increase has been provided to ORS by the District.

Accordingly, USSC requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attachments as the notice required under Commission Order No. 2006-22 and waive any further requirements thereof which, due to the time constraints, cannot be met by USSC. *Cf.* Commission Directive September 27, 2006, Agenda Item 23, Docket No. 2005-217-WS, Commission Order No. 2009-256. Therein, the Commission has previously granted such a waiver.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Office of Regulatory Staff that I have provided the attached document and forwarded a copy of this associated correspondence on to you.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning it to me in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.**

s/John M. S. Hoefer

John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/cf  
Enclosures

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire  
Jeffrey T. Nelson, Esquire

**SANDY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, INC.**

(864) 646-7729

300  
Make checks payable to Sandy Springs Water District, Inc.  
Mail Payments to:  
SANDY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, INC.  
P.O. BOX 495  
LA FRANCE, SC 29656

DATE OF BILL

11/19/09

ACCOUNT NUMBER

FOR UTILITIES  
SERVICE AT

CALHOUN ACRES

15 17\*\*\*AUTO\*\*MIXED AADC 300 3229  
UTILITIES SERVICES OF SC  
2335 SANDERS RD  
NORTHBROOK IL 60062-6196

DUE DATE:	12/15/09
PREVIOUS BALANCE:	0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	684.48
AMOUNT DUE AFTER 15TH	752.93
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	

RETURN TOP PORTION WITH PAYMENT

KEEP BOTTOM PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

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SANDY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, INC. - WATER BILL - CUSTOMER RECORD

DATE OF BILL

11/19/09

ACCOUNT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT READING	PRIOR READING	DATE READ	USAGE	CHARGES
WA	91890000	91512000	11/19/09	378000	684.18
DHEC					0.30
40176.5435					
Batch 70931					
PLEASE NOTE:					
BEGINNING 1/1/10 THERE WILL BE A 5% INCREASE ON ALL MINIMUM WATER BILLS. ALSO, ANY ADDITIONAL WATER USED OVER YOUR MINIMUM BILL, WILL INCREASE 5%.					
SANDY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT					
(864) 646-7729					
Doc 28425					
IF UNPAID BY THE DUE DATE, A PENALTY WILL BE ASSESSED					

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15 17\*\*\*AUTO\*\*MIXED AADC 300 3225  
UTILITIES SERVICES OF SC  
2335 SANDERS RD  
NORTHBROOK IL 60062-6196

DUE DATE:	02/15/10
PREVIOUS BALANCE:	0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	741.99
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AFTER DUE DATE	816.19
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	

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DATE OF BILL 01/20/10

ACCOUNT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT READING	PRIOR READING	DATE READ	USAGE	CHARGES
WA	92591000	92222000	01/20/10	369000	741.69
DHEC					0.30

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401176-5435

Batch 75122

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